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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST UNDER RULE 48(a)**

The Office is requested to the correct inventorship to include the following  
inventors:

Geert MAERTENS,  
Erik DEPLA; and  
Fons BOSMAN.

The present request is being filed pursuant to Rule 48(a) and a Statement from each person being added and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on their part. Moreover, an oath or declaration by the actual inventors is attached. The processing fee set forth in Rule 17(i), pursuant to Rule 48(a)(4) is attached. A written consent of the assignee is also attached along with a copy of a newly-executed Assignment from the newly named inventor, Erik DEPLA, to the assignee Innogenetics N.V. The attached Assignment is also being recorded concurrently in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Grant of the present request and issuance of a new filing receipt indicating the above-identified inventors are requested.

The present paper is not filed in response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003. A response to the Office Action is being considered by the applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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